

Programs and Special Events

Orange Coast District
January 2010



Our Mission

The mission of California State Parks is to provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.



Welcome to the Orange Coast District

Here at Bolsa Chica State Beach, Huntington State Beach, Crystal Cove State Park, Doheny State Beach, San Clemente State Beach, and San Onofre State Beach, there is always a new adventure!

This guide will help you to experience the variety of activities offered this month at the Orange Coast District of California State Parks.

Front cover:

In October, this blue whale was spotted near Doheny State Beach. In January, watch the coastline for spouting gray whales as they migrate south, fleeing the cold northern waters and seeking out warmer lagoons in Baja California for birthing. Image courtesy of Tom Haight/oceanimages.com.

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Bolsa Chica State Beach
714.846.5691

Crystal Cove State Park
949.494.3539

Doheny State Beach
949.496.5290

Huntington State Beach
714.536.1454

San Clemente State Beach
949.492.3156

San Onofre State Beach
949.492.6460 or 949.361.2531(San Mateo)

Gray Whale Twalks

Crystal Cove State Park
Thursday, January 7th, 9 a.m.,
Saturday, January 16th, 9 a.m., and
Thursday, January 28th, 9 a.m.

Join us for a Gray Whale “Twalk” to learn about the magnificent migration of the California State marine mammal. Meet at Pelican Point lot #4 (PCH to Newport Coast, left at kiosk to the end) at the amphitheater.

Historic District Walk

Crystal Cove State Park
Saturday, January 9th, 10 a.m.

Take a walk through the renovated 12-acre Historic District. Learn about the colorful past of the Cove and hear about the different uses for each of the cottages. Meet at Los Trancos parking lot at the trailer.

Winter at Crystal Cove Hike

Crystal Cove State Park
Sunday, January 10th, 9 a.m. and
Saturday, January 23rd, 9 a.m.

Go for a guided 3-5 mile hike in the backcountry of Crystal Cove State Park and learn all about the winter flora and fauna. Meet at El Moro Visitor Center. (PCH inland at stoplight School-State Park).

For more information on programs and events at Crystal Cove State Park, contact wbonnin@parks.ca.gov or 949.494.7647. A \$15 day-use parking fee per vehicle is required for entrance to the park, programs are offered at no additional charge (unless otherwise noted).

Night Bike Ride

Crystal Cove State Park
Tuesday, January 12th, 6 p.m.

Join Crystal Cove State Park trail assistant volunteers on a grand night ride & tour of El Moro and Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. Open to the first 30 people who register. Riders must have a light of at least 10 watts and 3-hour burn time. \$5 donation per rider to benefit Crystal Cove Interpretive Association. Night bike riders meet at El Moro Visitor Center.

Geology Talk

Crystal Cove State Park
Thursday, January 14th, 7 p.m.

Join geology professor Merton Hill for an evening talk and slide presentation about the “Geology of Crystal Cove State Park”. Meet at cottage #34 in the Historic District next to the Reservation Office. Park in the Los Trancos lot.

Southern California Dutch Oven Society Event

Doheny State Beach
Saturday, January 16th

An array of tasty dishes will be cooked throughout the day at the north day-use picnic area. This is a unique gathering of Dutch oven cookers with a fun, festive wintertime flair!

For more information, contact:
doheny@parks.ca.gov.

Sunset Photography Walk

Crystal Cove State Park
Sunday, January 17th, 3 p.m.

Learn how to take beautiful sunset, new moon, and low tide photos. Meet at the Los Trancos trailer.

Guided Hike on Panhe Nature Trail

San Mateo Campground
Saturday, January 23rd, 9:30 a.m.

Meet at the trailhead near the campground amphitheater. This all-ages hike will last approximately 45 minutes, exploring the cultural and natural features of the area. Please remember to bring water, wear sunscreen, and dress appropriately for trail conditions.

For more information, contact:
cbrommer@parks.ca.gov or 949.366.8594

Bird Walk

Crystal Cove State Park
Saturday, January 30th, 8:30 a.m.

Join birders on a winter bird migration walk of both the inland and coastal areas of the park. Meet at the Los Trancos lot near the trailer.

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Snowy Plover Population Study

Crystal Cove State Park
Saturday, January 30th, 3 p.m.

Help Crystal Cove State Park's Natural Resource officer count threatened snowy plovers in the park. Meet in cottage #34 next to the reservation office in the Historic District. The program starts with a brief training, and each participant will be given a data sheet to record their observations.

Tidepool Research Walk

Crystal Cove State Park
Saturday, January 30th, 8:30 a.m.

Join Crystal Cove State Park volunteers on a public tidepool exploration and research walk. Participants will learn how researchers count hermit crabs, limpets, and seastars in the marine protected area. Meet at the Los Trancos lot near the trailer (PCH inland at stoplight Los Trancos).

Tidepool Walk to Treasure Cove

Crystal Cove State Park
Sunday, January 31, at 3pm

Start the year at Crystal Cove State Park on a guided tidepool walk to Little Treasure Cove, only accessible at the lowest of tides. A volunteer will help identify animals and describe some awesome adaptations. Meet at Pelican Point parking lot #1. (PCH turn coastward at Newport Coast stoplight, right at the kiosk all the way to the end).

Exploring the beaches or catching a wave can depend on tides.
Please enjoy your state beaches in safety.

Date	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
1	837am +6.8	1023pm +4.0	231am +1.8	400pm -1.6	658am	456pm	620pm	747am	3rd
2	924am +6.5	1106pm +4.2	322am +1.7	442pm -1.4	658am	457pm	734pm	832am	
3	1013am +6.0	1151pm +4.4	418am +1.6	524pm -1.1	658am	457pm	846pm	910am	
4	1106am +5.3		521am +1.6	606pm -0.5	658am	458pm	954pm	944am	
5	1240am +4.6	1206pm +4.4	634am +1.6	650pm +0.2	658am	459pm	1101pm	1016am	
6	133am +4.8	122am +3.5	801am +1.5	738pm +0.9	659am	500pm		1047am	
7	230am +4.9	307pm +3.0	938am +1.1	833pm +1.5	659am	501pm	1205pm	1120am	
8	329am +5.1	505pm +2.8	1105am +0.7	939pm +2.0	659am	501pm	109am	1154am	
9	427am +5.3	635pm +3.0	1211pm +0.1	1049pm +2.3	659am	502pm	212am	1232pm	
10	520am +5.5	733pm +3.3	102pm -0.3	1150pm +2.3	658am	503pm	314am	115pm	New
11	607am +5.6	814pm +3.5	143pm -0.6		658am	504pm	412am	203pm	
12	648am +5.7	846pm +3.5	1240am -2.3	219pm -0.8	658am	505pm	506am	255pm	
13	724am +5.8	913pm +3.6	121am +2.2	250pm -0.8	658am	506pm	554am	351pm	
14	758am +5.8	939pm +3.6	156am +2.1	319pm -0.8	658am	507pm	636am	448pm	
15	830am +5.7	1004pm +3.7	230am +2.0	346pm -0.7	658am	508pm	713am	546pm	
16	900am +5.5	1030pm +3.8	303am +1.9	413pm -0.5	657am	509pm	745am	642pm	
17	931am +5.2	1057pm +3.9	338am +1.8	438pm -0.3	657am	510pm	814am	738pm	
18	1002am +4.8	1125pm +4.0	415am +1.8	503pm +0.1	657am	511pm	841am	833pm	
19	1035am +4.3	1156pm +4.1	457am +1.9	528pm +0.5	657am	512pm	906am	927pm	
20	1112am +3.7		548am +1.9	551pm +0.9	656am	513pm	932am	1023pm	1st
21	1230am +4.1	1201am +3.2	654am +1.9	616pm +1.3	656am	513pm	959am	1121pm	
22	112am +4.3	125am +2.5	827am +1.7	644pm +1.7	655am	514pm	1029am		
23	205am +4.4	413pm +2.3	1013am +1.2	729pm +2.1	655am	515pm	1103am	1221am	
24	309am +4.7	617pm +2.6	1128am +0.7	908pm +2.4	654am	516pm	1144am	124am	
25	415am +5.1	703pm +2.9	1220pm +1.6	1044pm +2.4	654am	517pm	1232pm	229am	
26	514am +5.6	736pm +3.3	103pm -0.7	1153pm +2.2	653am	518pm	130pm	334am	
27	607am +6.0	807pm +3.6	142pm -1.2		653am	519pm	237pm	436am	
28	657am +6.4	839pm +3.9	1249am +1.8	221pm -1.5	652am	520pm	350pm	531am	
29	744am +6.6	913pm +4.2	140am +1.4	258pm -1.7	652am	521pm	506pm	620am	Full
30	831am +6.6	948pm +4.6	230am +1.1	335pm -1.5	651am	522pm	620pm	702am	
31	918am +6.2	1025pm +4.8	320am +0.9	412pm -1.2	650am	523pm	733pm	739am	

California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights

California State Parks encourages California's children to participate in outdoor activities and discover their heritage. The California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights provides that every child should have the right to:

Discover California's past

Splash in the water

Play in a safe place

Camp under the stars

Explore nature

Learn to swim

Play on a team

Follow a trail

Catch a fish

Celebrate their heritage

All of these activities can be done at California State Parks and once completed, a child can earn a certificate of achievement.

For more information, visit:
www.parks.ca.gov.

P.O.R.T.S.

(Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students)

Crystal Cove State Park delivers live video-conference programs from the edge of the Pacific Ocean via the P.O.R.T.S. program. This resource provides teachers and students with live videoconferences. The units include lessons to prepare your students for the videoconference, supporting materials, and links to further resources. Once you have decided which program you would like to participate in, contact a program coordinator to schedule your live videoconference.

For more information, contact:

Brad Krey at bkrey@parks.ca.gov or 619.226.5785
www.ports.parks.ca.gov.

Litter Getters

Protect our wildlife and earn prizes during your visits to California State Parks by joining the Litter Getter Program. You'll be helping to keep the parks clean while learning how you can make a difference. Our parks are special places. We need to treat them with care...and you can help! Ask California State Park staff at the entrance stations for details.

Bolsa Chica SB Visitor Center

Bolsa Chica State Beach
714.377.5691

Monday through Thursday and Sunday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

San Clemente SB Visitor Center

San Clemente State Beach
949.366.8594

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

El Moro Visitor Center

Crystal Cove State Park
949.494.3539

Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Historic District Visitor Center

Crystal Cove State Park
949.494.3539

Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visitor Center hours subject to change.

Trail Work Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for trail work to assist in the restoration and realignment of the Ticketron trail in **Crystal Cove State Park on Saturday, January 9th, 8 a.m. to noon.** Meet at the cul-de-sac at the end of Ridge Park Road in Newport Beach.

For more information, contact:
wbonnin@parks.ca.gov or 949.494.7647

History Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist in a history project that will capture the life and legacy of members of the historic Crystal Cove community. If you have experience doing historical research and would like to get involved, give us a call.

For more information, contact:
bliles@parks.ca.gov or 949.366.8503.

Visitor Center Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in coastal Orange County's natural and cultural resources? Volunteer and share your knowledge and interests with others.

For more information, contact:
bliles@parks.ca.gov or 949.366.8503.

Become a Tidepool Volunteer

Crystal Cove State Park is searching for new tidepool volunteers. Please join us at a training on **Monday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point.** Volunteers help the public identify organisms and provide information about this fragile environment.

For more information, contact:
wbonnin@parks.ca.gov or 949.494.7647.

Cooperating associations are non-profit charitable organizations dedicated to enhancing the educational and interpretive programs in California State Parks. Collectively, the network consists of 84 associations and serves most of the 279 state park units. These associations, with more than 27,000 members, provide critical funding for educational and programming needs that are impossible for state parks to provide.

Associations contribute more than 10 million dollars annually to fund critical staff positions, exhibits, visitor center developments, junior ranger and nature walk programs, living history demonstrations, special events and many other exciting projects.

The following cooperating associations support education and interpretation within the Orange Coast District of California State Parks:



**CRYSTAL COVE
ALLIANCE**

www.crystalcovealliance.org
949.376.6200



www.crystalcovestatepark.com
949.494.3539



www.dohenystatebeach.org
949.496.6172



www.sanofoundation.org
949.366.8599

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